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Martin A. Prince
Chairperson

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD #10 MEETING rev.

October 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Riverbay Corporation

177 Dreiser Loop, Auditorium A

Bronx, NY 10475

PRESENT: H. Acampora, T. Accomando, R. Baez, R. Barbarelli, R. Bieder, J. Boiko, Col. W. Chin, A. Chirico, L. Council, M. Davila, I. Guanill-Elukowich, M. Johnson, R. Lifrieri, D. Lock, K. Lynch, J. Misiurski, M.J. Musano, K. Neddermeyer, J. Onwu, A. Ponder, E. Primavera, M. Prince, J.M. Provetto, N. Rosario, R. Sawyer, P. Sullivan, R. Talarico, S. Woods
(total # present = 28)

The following Board Member left without reason before voting on Resolutions: J. Onwu

ABSENT: P. Cantillo, T. Franklin, V.M. Gallagher, A. Henry, D. Hunt, R. Kurz, J. Marano, J. McQuade, J. Melendez, C. Papastefanou, L. Popovic, M. Pricoli, J. Robert, R. Rodriguez, J. Russo, N. Salas, T. Salimbene, N. Semaj-Williams, E. Torres, M. Velazquez (total # absent =20)

Community Liaisons: Tom Lucania - Office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.
Richard Fedderman – Office of Congressman Eliot Engel
Leon Tulton - Office of Assemblyman Michael Benedetto
Elijah Nwaokocha - Office of City Council Member Andy King
Patrick Rocchio - Bronx Times Reporter
Rev. Joseph Jones – NNCCHR
Manny Lagares – City Planning
Kathryn Thomson – News 12 The Bronx
Alexis Walters – Mayor’s Office – CAU

Staff: N. Kilkenny, K. Lozada

Chairman Martin Prince began the meeting at 7:39 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.
The above Community Liaisons were introduced and thanked for their attendance.

A Motion to accept the amended meeting minutes of September 15, 2016 was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Barbarelli, all were in favor.

Elishia Nwaokocha, of Council Member King’s Office announced that their offices are relocating to 177 Dreiser Loop and will have an opening ceremony tomorrow at 4 PM.

Manny Lagares, Bronx Office of the NYC Dept. of City Planning, introduced himself as the new liaison to the Board. He is happy to meet all present and looks forward to working with the Board. Phone #: 718 220 8508. Mr. Prince welcomed Mr. Lagares.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION:

- 1- Eduardo Martinez spoke in support of Vision Zero and speed bumps in Westchester Square.
- 2 - Leslie Brown – NYPL Baychester Library Manager discussed Library hotspots available at the Baychester Branch, Free Wi-Fi for families with children K-12. The Co-op City Branch goal is to partner with two organizations in 2017 such as the: Veterans Administration
- 3 – Arlene Fridie, a resident of Section 5, complained that Verizon services are not available in Co-op City, only Cable Vision. There is a \$25 charge added to the tenants’ rent bill which Ms. Fridie complains is too expensive. Mr. Boiko explained that for Verizon to wire Co-op City it would cost \$31 million dollars and they do not want to spend the money – this is why Verizon is not available.
- 4 – Debra Henry – Section 2 resident, civic leader, requested speed bumps on Carver Loop to stop speeding cars. DOT responded to her request negatively and she takes offense to this because she fears for the safety of residents, particularly seniors. Mr. Prince will contact DOT to seek alternative measures.
- 5 – Lou Rocco – Westchester Square Civic Association President, discussed the importance of Vision Zero in Westchester Square. The measures installed by DOT have been effective. Speeding among the local streets is a problem. Mr. Rocco hopes that the Board will become proactive and follow through with the proposed measures. Mr. Rocco introduced his neighbors who came to attest with him. Mr. Prince thanked Mr. Rocco for the work he did in collecting signatures.
- 6 - Crys Napolitano – NYC Compost Project – discussed a new initiative from DSNY – leaf collection on Sun Nov. 13th and Sun. Nov. 26th. If residents are already in the organics pilot program, leaves can be left out on their own recycling day. Otherwise residents must leave them out on the designated Sundays in a brown recycling bag only. She provided free bags.
7. Jasmine Guzman – a Supervisor and former customer of La Cocina Boriqua – spoke to advocate for the Board’s support of LaCocina Boriqua.
8. Troy Malloy – Security Guard for La Cocina Boriqua/head of security spoke to advocate for the Board’s support of LaCocina Boriqua, 2245B Westchester Avenue. He discussed measures taken to improve conditions. He obtained his Fire Guard Licensing. He pledged to work to follow any regulations that are placed on the establishment to improve community relations. Mr. Prince recognized Julie Ayala, the owner of La Cocina Boriqua and her representative, Aurelia Taveras, addressed the Board to request a change in their method of operation and request the Board’s support of her establishment. Ms. Ayala apologized for the poor perception of her establishment. She incurred penalties and is suffering financially. She fears that she will have to close. She pledged to have 2 to 3 security guards on duty from 10:30 PM to closing. She is hopeful that her request to extend hours and permit DJ activity is granted. Ms. Taveras, Executive Director of the New York State Latino Restaurant Bar & Lounge Association, stated that in the past the establishment had been closed nightly at 11 PM and that 200 community signatures in support of the establishment had been collected. Soundproofing curtains were installed and security has been increased. She stated that there is no dancing, no underage drinking, and that all staff is ATAP certified. Ms. Ayala stated that she is asking for a change in operation to become financially feasible. Mr. Bieder stated that the establishment had not been closing at 11 PM and was opened until 4 AM and were in violation for two or three years. Dr. Ponder stated that they had admitted to being in violation and are paying heavy

finer. They are pledging to conform and are asking for the Board's support. He indicated that he felt they deserved a second chance.

9. Mike Stetcro – a resident of Co-op City spoke of the need for sidewalks at 3200 Peartree Avenue, a Riverbay Corporation owned property, and the need for pedestrian crossings at Peartree Avenue and Co-op City Blvd., where drivers are not yielding to pedestrians. There is no sidewalk in areas and pedestrians are forced into the street which is unacceptable. Mr. Boiko will look into the issue with Riverbay.
10. Kevin Daeloia – a Tremont Avenue resident expressed his support of the Brush Avenue presentation made by DOT at the October Municipal Services Committee meeting. He also supports Mr. Rocco's traffic mitigation goals for Westchester Square, the Trump Links Golf Course, Ferry Point development project at Ferry Point Park, and the Tremont Avenue Road Diet. He stated that despite the Tremont Avenue Road Diet, drivers continue to violate traffic laws by making illegal U-turns, etc.
11. Francine Jones – a Co-op City resident and member of the African-American Association discussed the bus stop created a year ago on Ash Loop. She requested that parking lines which were on the ground before the bus stop was installed be removed to prevent people from parking there and from being ticketed for parking there. She also reported that the Einstein Community Center had requested an Express Bus shelter and that Co-op City residents are collecting for the people in Haiti who are suffering the after effects of a recent hurricane. Collections can be dropped at the former Bingo Hall on Bartow Avenue. Mr. Prince indicated that he is working on getting the shelter and that the concern is that its installation may involve the loss of parking spots. Mr. Boiko added that he and Mr. Prince are touring Section 5. Mr. Boiko explained that the DOT contract for the installation of 300 bus shelters has already been exhausted.
12. Rev. Joseph Jones – Faith Based Coordinator at the NYC Commission on Human Rights – addressed the Board to promote services available at 4101 White Plains Road – Board 12 – to assist newly released individuals returning to the Bronx. Their program offers job opportunities and support services. Dr. Ponder inquired if other health related services will be available. Mr. Jones commented that an array of services will be available.

A motion to close the Public Participation section of the meeting was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Accomando, and unanimously approved by all.

Leon Tulton – Assemblyman Benedetto's Office – discussed the removal of mailboxes in the neighborhood. He explained that they are being replaced with tamper resistant mailboxes. Offenders had been tampering with the mail by applying a sticky solution to the old mailboxes which allowed them to "fish" out mail and steal checks and identities. The replacement process should take two weeks once a mailbox is removed. In the meantime, mail should be either brought to a post office or given to a postal carrier. Dr. Ponder asked if the replacements will be staggered in an effort to get some mailboxes in place sooner. Mr. Tulton indicated that he is awaiting further information from the Inspector General.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Lucania

Additional information can be found about the topics noted below on the Borough President's website: bronxboropres@nyc.gov.

Mr. Lucania will submit a written report. He directed attention to a statement included in the packet concerning the 66 year old woman who was recently shot by a Police Officer. Mr. Lucania announced that this coming Sunday is Tour the Bronx. Over 6,300 registered bikers will be participating. Please note that this year there will be a new starting point. The Halloween Spectacular sponsored by the Borough President

will be held at the Claremont Community Center from 4:30 to 7:30 in Board 3. Mr. Lucania commended the Staff at Board 10 and the active Board Members who have been working on issues in the Board Office. The Board invited a representative from the United States Postal Service to the Board's District Services Cabinet meeting to discuss the mailbox issues however they did not attend. They will be invited to next month's meeting as well. Mr. Lucania directed attention to another item in the packet – NY State of Health publication. .

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mr. Prince

The Executive Board met on October 5, 2016. The minutes are self explanatory.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Prince

Mr. Prince announced that Ms. Gallagher had an accident and suffered a broken wrist. She is recuperating and the Board sends her our best wishes. In Mrs. Gallagher's absence Mr. Prince delivered the Parks and Recreation Committee report and proposed tabling the two Resolutions pertaining to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

A motion to table the following Resolutions was made by Ms. Baez, seconded by Bishop Rosario. All voted in favor.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board 10 to conduct a joint Public Hearing with the Housing and Zoning Committee to discuss the possible establishment of a waterfront park at the site of 222 Longstreet Avenue by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation with the affected community, and conduct outreach.”

“Resolved... at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board 10 to accept the Ferry Point Waterfront Park proposal presented by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation and forward it to the full Board for approval.”

Mr. Sullivan, however, requested that the Resolution concerning the Public Hearing be amended to include the consideration of proposals for further development of Ferry Point Park from the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and Trump Links Golf Course, Ferry Point. The resolution was amended as follows:

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board 10 to conduct a joint Public Hearing with the Housing and Zoning Committee to discuss the possible establishment of a waterfront park at the site of 222 Longstreet Avenue by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation with the affected community, and conduct outreach. And also to consider proposals for further development of Ferry Point Park from the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and Trump Links Golf Course, Ferry Point ”

A Motion to amend the resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Talarico. The amended Resolution passed unanimously with all in favor.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Talarico

Mr. Talarico reported that at the October 4th Economic Development meeting the following resolutions were presented:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments, who are applying for *new* licenses, have agreed to comply with the best management practice standards contained in the Stipulations, by signing them, and to further agree to attend ATAP training, and that their compliance be sent to the State Liquor Authority and a copy placed in the Board’s file:

*International Caterers, 3243 Ampere Ave, 10465, between Research & Library Aves, License #NEW

“There was a Motion to accept, it was seconded. The Resolution was passed unanimously.

A motion to accept the above Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Bieder. All were in favor.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments have agreed to comply with the best management practice standards contained within the Stipulations, by signing them, and to further agree to attend ATAP training, and that their compliance be sent to the State Liquor Authority, along with the Resolution and the vote, and copies placed in the Board’s file:

*Uncle Al’s Soul Food Kitchen, 3841 E. Tremont Ave, 10465, between Schley & Dewey Aves, License #1292387, which expires on 02/28/18.

(Adding Live Music, Karaoke, and Security Personnel)

The owners of the establishment gave a brief introduction and explained change of operations. The committee was informed on their hours of operations: the establishment is occasionally opened till 3am on Fridays and Saturdays. The doors are not open late, there have been no noise complaints, and “No Dancing” signs are placed around the establishment. Mr. Bieder would like the record to reflect his stance on the approval of sound: he does not want to approve sound because of the issues that have taken place in the past with other establishments.

There was a Motion to accept. The vote is as follows: 4 yes and 3 no. The Resolution was not passed unanimously.

A motion to accept the above Resolution was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Lock. The Resolution passed by twenty-five (25) yes and six (6) no votes. Those voting against are Mr. Lynch, Mr. Chirico, Mr. Bieder, Mr. Chin, Ms. Wood and Mrs. Guanill-Elukowich.

Mr. Talarico read the following Resolution:

“**Resolved**...at the recommendation of the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board #10, that the following establishments have agreed to comply with the best management practice standards contained within the Stipulations, by signing them, and to further agree to attend ATAP training, and that their compliance be sent to the State Liquor Authority, along with the Resolution and the vote, and copies placed in the Board’s file:

*La Cocina Boricua, 2245 B Westchester Ave, 10461, between Castle Hill & Glebe Ave, License #1227260, which expires on 12/31/17.

**(Adding Karaoke and Security Personnel)
(License suspended from 9/19/16 to 9/29/16 due to violations from Dec. 2015 March Event)
(Change in Hours of Operation against Current License)**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Current Hours:	12-10 PM	2-10 PM	2-10 PM	2-10 PM	2-11 PM	2-11 PM	12-12 PM
Revised Hours:	12-12 AM	12-12 AM	12-12 AM	12-12 AM	12-3 AM	12-3 AM	12-3 AM

There was a Motion to accept. The vote is as follows: 3 yes and 4 no. **The Resolution was not passed.**

It was noted that the Resolution did not pass in Committee. Mr. Bieder reported that he was one of the members who voted against this establishment in Committee but is prepared to give them a second chance because the owners appear to be committed to improving conditions and have agreed to a 2:00 AM last call even though they will be opened later. Mr. Sullivan indicated that a motion to discuss should be a direct question to the Chair. Mr. Talarico also noted that several measures have been adopted including soundproofing and a private security company. Also, TIPS training. Mr. Boiko asked that if approved, when would they be up for approval again. They would be up for approval again on 12/31/17.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to accept the above resolution, seconded by Bishop Rosario. The Resolution was **not approved** by the following: Mr. Barbarelli, Mr. Chirico, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Neddermeyer, Ms. Woods, The following Board Member abstained: Ms. Guanill-Elukowich. The Resolution passed with all other members voting in favor. The Board will support this establishment and hold them to their pledge of compliance and consideration of their community.

Mike McDermott, the Owner of McDermott’s Pub at Westchester Square was introduced. He appeared because he had pledged to appear but announced that he had just received his liquor license in the mail. He wanted to be on record of having appeared as a show of good faith.

Hannah Acampora made a request to be noted as present at the October 4th Economic Development Committee meeting.

YOUTH SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Mr. Bieder

Mr. Bieder announced that the Youth Services Committee would be meeting on Monday, October 24, 2016. The Minutes of the September 19, 2016 are self explanatory. The Committee is trying to create an internship program with local merchants. Ms. Woods explained that she was absent because she had Board Member orientation.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE: Mr. Accomando

Mr. Accomando read the following resolution for the October 18, 2016 Municipal Services Committee.

“Resolved...at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following proposal from DOT regarding traffic mitigations on Brush

Avenue be approved and forwarded to the full Board”

A motion to accept the above Resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Mr. Boiko. The Resolution passed unanimously, with all in favor.

“Resolved...at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following Street Activity Permit Application be approved and forwarded to the full Board:

Event ID: 312103, Street Event, Halloween at the Square, Williamsbridge Road between Halperin and Chesbrough Avenues, 10/31/16, Event: 3 PM to 8 PM, Set up 11 AM to breakdown 9 PM. Contact: Lisa Sorin, Westchester Square Bid.

A motion to accept the above Resolution was made by Bishop Rosario, seconded by Mr. Bieder. The Resolution passed unanimously, with all in favor.

Mr. Accomando read the following resolution which had been revised in Committee:

“Resolved...That the Board submit written or oral testimony to the MAYOR’S OFFICE OF CITYWIDE EVENT COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT’S STREET ACTIVITY PERMIT OFFICE regarding their proposed rules changes on or before October 24, 2016, the extended date for submission of written comments. Specifically, the Committee urges SAPO to remove the wording of “citywide” and replace it with “at the discretion of the Community Board”, and to replace the month of “November” with the month of “October” for the application time frame due to the holiday season. To define “block parties” as distinct events from “street festivals” (which have a commercial focus) and to give community boards discretion over approving “block parties”.

A motion to accept the above Resolution was made by Mr. Boiko, seconded by Ms. Baez. The Resolution passed unanimously, with all in favor.

“Resolved...at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that a request for a four-way stop sign on the corners of Barkley Avenue and Vincent Avenue be installed and that this request go to the full Board for approval and be forwarded to the New York City Department of Transportation.”

A motion to accept the above resolution was made by Mr. Bieder, seconded by Ms. Baez. The Resolution passed unanimously with all in favor.

“Resolved... at the request of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the fifteen speed bumps designated in the Westchester Square Slow Zone submitted by DOT not be approved and forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

A motion was made to direct the above Resolution back to the Municipal Services Committee. The project affiliated with this Resolution is already underway therefore a vote would be a moot point. Ms.

Lock made a motion to send the Resolution back to the Municipal Services Committee, seconded by Ms. Woods. The following members were opposed: Mr. Bieder and Ms. Acampora. The Resolution will be sent back to the Municipal Services Committee.

Ms. Acampora stated that the petitions were collected in July; Hannah submitted her comments on August 10th and did not hear anything further from the Board. Mr. Kearns had submitted an example, however the actual scope of work is not what was initially shown. Mr. Prince referred it back to Committee because Mr. Rocco was given the permission to get the petitions by the Committee.

Mr. Prince said he had spoken to the Chairs about Committees being more proactive in monitoring the work of their Committees. Mr. Bieder indicated that the Committee really wanted the locations where the speed bumps would be placed. The Board received the spots to place the bumps, but the Board was supposed to have checked with each homeowner to see if they agreed. Mr. Prince indicated that Committee members should have made sure that the work was carried out.

PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE: Mr. Misiurski

Mr. Misiurski reported that the Planning and Budget Committee held a Public Hearing on Oct. 13th. The minutes are self explanatory. The members decided to review the entire Budget Process and had a lengthy meeting. He thanked Ms. Kilkenny, Ms. Lozada, Mr. Prince and Mr. Accomando for working on this project. He further thanked Mr. Prince and Mr. Accomando for working with him to create a succinct list. The Warriors and St. Raymond's GFC made a presentation and were added as the first Capital Budget Request. Mr. Misiurski skimmed over the list of 23 Capital Budget Requests. He commented that the Parks Department did not formally request a new roof for the Owen Dolen Center and was therefore not listed. Item #24 was to expand Express Bus service to lower Manhattan. At the meeting Ms. Gallagher delivered the following Resolution...

“**Resolved...**at the request of the Planning and Budget Committee of Bronx Community Board 10, that the FY 2018 Capital and Expense Budget (as listed) be adopted and presented to the full Board for its approval.”

A motion to accept the Resolution was made by Bishop Rosario, seconded by Mr. Chirico. The Resolution passed unanimously with all in favor.

Mr. Bieder noted that this year's Budget was a great job by all Board Members involved.

HOUSING/ZONING COMMITTEE: Mr. Sullivan

Mr. Sullivan indicated that the minutes of the October 12, 2016 Housing and Zoning Committee are self explanatory. Senator Klein helped pass a new law in which only larger banks that hold mortgages can be held liable for the upkeep of their properties. Otherwise minutes are self explanatory.

HEALTH AN HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE – Bishop Rosario

Bishop Rosario indicated that the Health and Human Services minutes are self explanatory and promoted the Healthy Lifestyles Challenge Walk at SUNY Maritime this Saturday, Oct. 22nd at 11 AM.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sullivan discussed the growing problem of members leaving early and affecting our quorum count. Poor attendance is making it increasingly more difficult to reach a quorum. Mr. Prince noted that he has raised this issue on several occasions. Committee participation and Board Member attendance must be revisited. The By Laws state that three consecutive absences without an excuse are grounds for dismissal. Committee Chairs can make adjustments to their Committee membership based on attendance. Mr. Lucania indicated that if half the meetings from September to June are missed, or three consecutive absences are recorded, it is grounds for removal. Bishop Rosario inquired if a member is removed are they replaced immediately, or is the position empty until it is filled during the next regular cycle. Mr. Lucania indicated that if the member had been an appointment by a City Council member, they can appoint a replacement right away.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Talarico, seconded by Mr. Sullivan. The meeting ended at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Noreen H. Kilkenny.